Application No. Applicant(s) 09/666,864 STERN ET AL. Interview Summary Examiner Art Unit Tony Mahmoudi 2165 All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel): (1) Mr. Joseph C. Redmond, Jr. (Attorney of Record). (4) (2) Tony Mahmoudi. Date of Interview: 05 August 2005. Type: a) \square Telephonic b) \square Video Conference c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e)⊠ No. If Yes, brief description: _____. Claim(s) discussed: 2-4,6,8-11,14-17,19-23,25,27-29,31-33,37-40 and 43-46. Identification of prior art discussed: None. Agreement with respect to the claims f) \boxtimes was reached. g) \square was not reached. h) \square N/A. Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet. (A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.) THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER. TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

The examiner called the attorney of record to discuss several discrepancies between the amended claims (After-Final) and the remarks section of the amendment. Mainly, newly added independent claim 46, which according to the remarks section, was supposed to include the limitations of previously rejected base claim (claim 41) and the "allowable subject matter" of its dependent claim (claim 26), consisted of the previous base claim (claim 41) and the limitation of a different dependent claim (rejected claim 25) instead of claim 26.

Also, the majority of the dependent claims included discrepancies with the step numberings (lettering). In one example, the first step of dependent claim 8 was labeled step "p)", where the base claim (40) ended with step "i)".

The attorney granted the examiner permission to amend all necessary claims to correct the newly added claim 46 and all discrepancies with the labeling steps of all claims through an examiner's amendment.